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Applicant(s): Paul V. Cooper Docket No.: 23438.00045
Application No.: 10/773,101 Group Art Unit:
Filing Date: February 4, 2004 Examiner:
TITLE: SYSTEM FOR RELEASING GAS INTO MOLTEN METAL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each foreign documents listed are submitted herewith. In addition, English language transcripts for each non-English document are also provided and are believed to supply a concise explanation of relevance.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such documents constitute prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to dispute any of the listed documents as prior art during examination. Further, applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application. Furthermore, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information may exist.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been issued in the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the foregoing references, alone or in combination. The Examiner is requested to initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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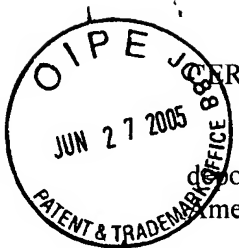
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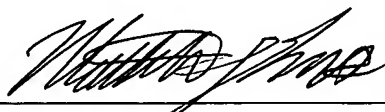
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Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) are (1) an Information Disclosure Statement, (2) an Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449, and (3) copies of the foreign references cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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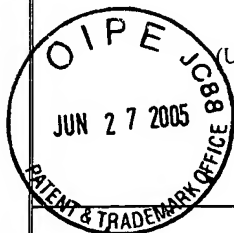
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		3,997,336	12-14-1976	van Linden et al.				
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		4,537,624	08-27-1985	Tenhover et al.			
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		4,593,597	06-10-1986	Albrecht et al.			
		4,598,899	07-08-1986	Cooper			
		4,600,222	07-15-1986	Appling			
		4,609,442	09-02-1986	Tenhover et al.			
		4,611,790	09-16-1986	Otsuka et al.			
		4,634,105	01-06-1987	Withers et al.			
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		4,696,703	09-29-1987	Henderson et al.			
		4,701,226	10-20-1987	Henderson et al.			
		4,714,371	12-22-1987	Cuse			
		4,717,540	01-05-1988	McRae et al.			
		4,743,428	05-10-1988	McRae et al.			
		4,747,583	05-31-1988	Gordon et al.			
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		4,802,656	02-07-1989	Hudault et al.			
		4,804,168	02-14-1989	Otsuka et al.			
		4,810,314	03-07-1989	Henderson et al.			
		4,834,573	05-30-1989	Asano et al.			
		4,842,227	06-27-1989	Harrington et al.			
		4,844,425	07-04-1989	Piras et al.			
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		4,867,638	09-19-1989	Handtmann et al.			
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		4,898,367	02-06-1990	Cooper			
		4,923,770	05-08-1990	Grasselli et al.			
		4,930,986	06-05-1990	Cooper			
		4,931,091	06-05-1990	Waite et al.			
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		4,989,736	02-05-1991	Andersson et al.			
		5,006,232	04-09-1991	Lidgitt et al.			
		5,028,211	07-02-1991	Mordue et al.			
		5,049,841	09-17-1991	Cooper et al.			
		506,572	10-10-1893	Wagener			
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		5,098,134	03-24-1992	Monckton			
		5,099,554	03-31-1992	Cooper			
		5,131,632	07-21-1992	Olson			
		5,143,357	09-01-1992	Gilbert et al.			
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		5,158,440	10-27-1992	Cooper et al.			
		5,162,858	11-10-1992	Shoji et al.			
		5,165,858	11-24-1992	Gilbert et al.			
		5,172,458	12-22-1992	Cooper			
		5,177,304	01-05-1993	Nagel			
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		5,203,681	04-20-1993	Cooper			
		5,209,641	05-11-1993	Hoglund et al.			
		5,215,448	06-01-1993	Cooper			
		5,268,020	12-07-1993	Claxton			
		5,286,163	02-15-1994	Amra et al.			
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		5,318,360	06-07-1994	Langer et al.			
		5,322,547	06-21-1994	Nagel et al.			
		5,324,341	06-28-1994	Nagel et al.			
		5,330,328	07-19-1994	Cooper			
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		5,383,651	01-24-1995	Blasen et al.				
		5,388,633	02-14-1995	Mercer II et al.				
		5,395,405	03-07-1995	Nagel et al.				
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		5,435,982	07-25-1995	Wilkinson			
		5,436,210	07-25-1995	Wilkinson et al.			
		5,443,572	08-22-1995	Wilkinson et al.			
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		5,571,486	11-05-1996	Robert et al.			
		5,585,532	12-17-1996	Nagel			
		5,586,863	12-24-1996	Gilbert et al.			
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		5,741,422	04-21-1998	Eichenmiller et al.			
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		5,776,420	07-07-1998	Nagel				
		5,785,494	07-28-1998	Vild et al.				
		5,805,067	09-08-1989	Bradley et al.				
		5,810,311	09-22-1998	Davison et al.				
		5,842,832	12-01-1998	Thut				
		585,188	06-29-1897	Davis				
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		5,935,528	08-10-1999	Stephenson et al.			
		5,944,496	08-31-1999	Cooper			
		5,947,705	09-07-1999	Mordue et al.			
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		5,993,728	11-30-1999	Vild			
		5,995,041	11-30-1999	Bradley et al.			
		6,024,286	02-15-2000	Bradley et al.			
		6,027,685	02-22-2000	Cooper			
		6,036,745	03-14-2000	Gilbert et al.			
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		6,096,109	08-01-2000	Nagel et al.			
		6,019,576	02-01-2000	Thut			
		6,113,154	09-05-2000	Thut			
		6,123,523	09-26-2000	Cooper			
		6,152,691	11-28-2000	Thut			
		6,187,096	02-13-2001	Thut			
		6,217,823	04-17-2001	Vild et al.			
		6,231,639	05-15-2001	Eichenmiller et al.			
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		6,250,881	06-26-2001	Mordue et al.			
		6,254,340	07-03-2001	Vild et al.			
		6,270,717	08-07-2001	Tremblay et al.			
		6,280,157	08-28-2001	Cooper			
		6,298,759	09-25-2001	Thut			
		6,303,074	10-16-2001	Cooper			
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		6,398,525	06-04-2002	Cooper			
		6,439,860	08-27-2002	Greer			
		6,451,247	09-17-2002	Mordue et al.			
		6,457,950	10-01-2002	Cooper et al.			
		6,464,458	10-15-2002	Vild et al.			
		6,495,948	12-17-2002	Garrett, III			
		6,497,559	12-24-2002	Grant			
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		6,533,535	03-18-2003	Thut			
		6,551,060	04-22-2003	Mordue et al.			
		6,648,026	11-18-2003	Look et al.			
		6,679,936	01-20-2004	Quackenbush			
		6,689,310	02-10-2004	Cooper			
		6,695,510	02-24-2004	Look et al.			
		6,709,234	03-23-2004	Gilbert et al.			
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		6,723,276	04-20-2004	Cooper				
		6,805,834	10-19-2004	Thut				
		6,843,640	01-18-2005	Mordue et al.				
		6,848,497	02-01-2005	Sale et al.				
		6,869,271	05-24-2005	Uchida et al.				
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		6,887,425	05-03-2005	Mordue et al.			
		898,499	09-15-1908	O'Donnell			
		20010000465	04-26-2001	Thut			
		20010012758	08-09-2001	Bradley et al.			
		20020041788	04-11-2002	Look et al.			
		20020102159	08-01-2002	Thut			
		20020146313	10-10-2002	Thut			
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		20030059302	03-27-2003	Mordue et al.				
		20030075844	04-24-2003	Mordue et al.				
		20030151176	08-14-2003	Ohno et al.				
		20030185679	10-02-2003	Mordue et al.				
		20040007284	01-15-2004	Look et al.				
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		20040084172	05-06-2004	Vincent et al.				
		20040115079	06-17-2004	Cooper				
		20040199435	10-07-2004	Abrams et al.				
		20040123970	07-01-2004	Neff				
		20040215204	10-28-2004	Davison et al.				
		20040262825	12-30-2004	Cooper				
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		20050077730	04-14-2005	Thut			
		20050081607	04-21-2005	Patel et al.			
		20050116398	06-02-2005	Tremblay			
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